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WISHING

"Do you wish the world were better?
Let me tell you what to do.
Set a watch upon your actions,
Keep them always straight and true.
Rid your mind of selfish motives.
Let your thoughts be clean and high.
You can make a little Eden
Of the sphere you occupy.

Do you wish the world were happy?
Then remember day by day
Just to scatter seeds of kindness
As you pass along the way,
For the pleasures of the many
May be oftentimes traced to one.
As the hand that plants an acorn
Shelters armies from the sun."

This country was all right while we
only tried to keep up with the Joneses—
the depression came when we tried to
pass them.—*Life*.

YOUR 50 CENTS, PLEASE

Christmas is almost here and again Knights Templars have been asked to contribute the small sum of 50 cents each as a good-will Christmas offering to help "Feed the hungry; clothe the naked and bind up the wounds of the afflicted." A duty that we as Knights Templars are bound to perform. This year as the need is great, we want this appeal to touch not only the hearts of our members, but their purse as well. Many of our members are not able to contribute, and it is to help them and some of them are in need of the bare necessities of life, that we are asking for this Christmas offering.

The money is to be spent by our own Commandery under the direction of our Commander. Last year the total amount spent in our jurisdiction was \$4,973.75. It brought joy and gladness to many families on Christmas day. Many Sir Knights paid who could ill afford it, while many did not, who could well afford it. Those who can afford it, and can contribute without injury to themselves or family, are not limited to a 50 cents contribution. Ever remembering that the Good Book tells us "It is more blessed to give than to receive." I feel sure that each one of us will better enjoy our own Christmas dinner if we know that we have helped others even in a small way by our contribution towards their happiness. It is not what we receive in this world that counts when we are called to give an account to that Supreme Judge from whom the minutest act of our lives is not hidden, it is what we give. So, "Let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

Friendship is to be purchased only by friendship. A man may have authority over others, but he can never have their heart but by giving his own.
—THOMAS WILSON.

It takes courage to approve an outlay in the hope of getting new business, but many who have tried to do business without expense have ended by having no business to do.

Some people are so busy telling others what to do and how to do it, that they fail down on their own job.

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SIR KNIGHTS:

As Christmas nears we notice a change in the attitude of people toward one another. There is more joy and gladness than at any other time of the year. A feeling of good will that is shared by every faith and creed that comes in contact with Christianity. Altho Christmas is strictly a Christian commemoration of the birth of our Saviour, every nation and every faith enjoy the good will and toleration

that our Christianity has brought to the world.

Then let us as Christian Knights commemorate that august and sublime event by bringing our gifts as did the Wise Men of the East who laid their most valued treasures at the feet of the Master.

Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me".

May each Sir Knight find the means for making some one happy and he is sure to be happy himself.

Sir Knights, I wish for you and yours a Christmas of joy and gladness and a New Year both happy and bright.

Courteously and fraternally yours,

ROBERT G. WILSON,
Commander.

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CHRISTMAS

The Christians' own holiday; a day for making people happy and a day for the giving of gifts; a day that has been commercialized more than any other day of the year. Stores everywhere are advertising Christmas gifts. Post cards are sold by the thousands and Christmas cards by the hundreds of thousands that do not even mention the name of Jesus, or have any reference to that birthday in Bethlehem when the Herald Angels sang "Peace on Earth to Men of Good Will." Knights Templars endeavor to teach and emulate the virtues of "The Humble Nazarene" and to revere His name. The very name implies that Christians are followers of Jesus. Yet there are many who by their actions belie the name. If we as Knights Templars lived up to our obligations and to the charges and lectures of our ritual, Christmas would have a new meaning for many of us. Altho we are not perfect and make no such claim, we are proud of the fact that Knights Templars, all good and true, are obligated as followers of "The Man of Galilee." Christmas this year should be as happy as any we have ever enjoyed. There may be some things that we would like that are missing, but it may be good for us not to have all we want. Don't forget that there are more people who die because they eat all they want than there are who starve because they don't get enough. And there are more people who die from wearing too many clothes (getting over-heated they get cold easily, pneumonia, etc.) than from wearing too little. And remember this, the man who has the most is not always the happiest. If you can't get what you want, be thankful for what you have and be happy. To be truly happy make some one else happy. You can find lots of people who are worse off than you are, just help a little—boost and build.

And now for a Merry, Merry Christmas and the best New Year you ever had.

YE EDITOR.

A young man wants to know how much money he should have before he marries. What's the difference—it won't be enough.

BLAMIN' THE DOG

By KENNETH CAMPBELL

When the sun at morn
 O'er the hill top is streamin'
 An' the frost of the grass
 Like jewels is gleamin',
 The trees standin' bare,
 The brown leaves all fallin'
 An' the hunters' rod god
 Is callin' an' callin'
 It is then my old dog
 Starts beggin' an' teasin'
 For he hears the red gods
 Of the huntin' season.

He keeps hangin' 'round
 An' watchin' me so,
 It just touches my heart
 How he's rearin' to go!
 An' the red gods are callin'
 Louder and louder
 'Til it seems that at times
 I can smell burnin' powder.
 Then I know that that dog
 Will be havin' his way,
 An' I'll have to go huntin'
 With him today!

He gives me the fever,
 But the dog doesn't care
 As he wants to go chasin'
 A bird or a hare.
 But he's only a dog
 An' as good as the best;
 A faithful, old dog
 That is standin' the test,
 Tho' he makes me lay down
 My shovel an' hoe
 An' take up the ole gun
 An' a-huntin' go.

I ain't findin' no fault
 With that old dog of mine
 For takin' me out
 'Mongst the spruce an' the pine.
 There through the brush
 An' the trees he is rushin',
 Findin' the birds,
 Pointin' an' flushin',
 An' the dog is leapin'
 An' boundin' for joy,
 An' again I am feelin'
 Just like a boy!

There's nothin' so bracin'
 As a day in the wood,
 An' it's doin' the dog
 A world o' good!

Opportunity for distinction lies in doing ordinary things well and not in erratically striving to perform grandstand plays.

1932

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

1933



This year's outstanding New Year's Eve Party will be held at the Boston Square and Compass Club. The fun starts at eight and continues until midnight. A five-course dinner will be served at 10.30 P.M. Splendid entertainment during dinner. Souvenirs and fancy caps for everyone. Noise makers galore, special seasonal decorations carrying out the real holiday spirit. Harold Sawyers' well-known orchestra will furnish the music. It is one of Boston's best-known dance orchestras, and when it starts playing, you can't keep your feet still. Sir Knight Harold is a member of Boston Commandery and chairman of the New Year's Eve Party as well as the dance chairman for the year. He is a worker and is well known in our Commandery. Knowing Harold as we do, we feel sure that the party will be a "peppy" one and a big success.

Any Sir Knight of Boston Commandery with his friends will be welcomed at this party, provided, of course, that they make their reservations in time to secure tickets. They cost only \$3.00 per person. Send your money with your order for reservations.

It will be a very select party. Just big enough to have a good, noisy time. Only 150 can be accommodated. It is not necessary to be a Club Member to attend—but get your order in now.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

When considering Christmas gifts, remember that in the columns of this paper will be found reliable firms who advertise especially for the members of our Commandery. Their goods are reliable and not the bargain counter kind. You get your money's worth every time, and in the long run that is what counts, and it means satisfaction to you.

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